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## Re: Homeless encampments increasing in Hollywood

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Wed, Jan 25, 2017 at 8:44 PM

To: Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, Joe Salaices <joe.salaices@lacity.org>

Cc: Pat Joyce <pat.joyce@lacity.org>, Alisa Orduna <alisa.orduna@lacity.org>, Daniel Halden <Daniel.Halden@lacity.org>, Jose Monge <jose.monge@lacity.org>, Javier Solis <javier.solis@lacity.org>, Sophia Pinacortez <sophia.pinacortez@lacity.org>

I have been in a recent meeting regarding Selma with the Council Office, LAPD, and RAP on site. Expanding this email with Daniel Halden from the Council Office. My team can respond as needed.

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On Wed, Jan 25, 2017 at 6:29 PM, Jimmy Kim <[jimmy.kim@lacity.org](mailto:jimmy.kim@lacity.org)> wrote:

Sir,

Per Alisa Orduna's request, can we send a Ranger to Selma Children's Park tomorrow? Address is 6567 Selma Avenue in Hollywood.

I will get a time they want the Ranger there shortly.

Please let me know

On Wed, Jan 25, 2017 at 6:07 PM Alisa Orduna <[alisa.orduna@lacity.org](mailto:alisa.orduna@lacity.org)> wrote:

Thanks Adel!

+ Jimmy from RAP

Jimmy- I know this is a pocket park, but can we deploy park rangers out to Selma Children's Park tomorrow? Address is 6567 Selma Avenue in Hollywood.

On Wed, Jan 25, 2017 at 6:04 PM, Adel Hagekhalil <[adel.hagekhalil@lacity.org](mailto:adel.hagekhalil@lacity.org)> wrote:

The west hope team is deployed on 2/6.

Copying our sanitation team to look into locations.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jan 25, 2017, at 5:59 PM, Alisa Orduna <[alisa.orduna@lacity.org](mailto:alisa.orduna@lacity.org)> wrote:

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> Good evening Sgt. Fox and Steven (and all on the chain)

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> I wanted to bring the following email to your attention. Open to ideas on

> how to address by anyone on this chain.

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> I am thinking that maybe we start with the timeline from L.A. Sanitation

> on when they are deploying the West Rapid Response Team and then meet to

> develop a 30 day strategy that we can deploy in this community. But again

> open so please chime in.

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> I think we should plan on meeting with this community on February 13th.

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> Thank you,

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> Alisa

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> ----- Forwarded message -----

> From: Kerry Morrison [REDACTED]

> Date: Wed, Jan 25, 2017 at 5:21 PM

> Subject: Homeless encampments increasing in Hollywood

> To: Heather Repenning <[heather.repenning@lacity.org](mailto:heather.repenning@lacity.org)>, Alisa Orduna <

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> Greetings Alisa and Heather,

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> I wanted to take a moment to convey the frustration and concern simmering

> in our community as we begin the new year. I think it is important you

> know what is going on, so you can be our voice at City Hall. (P.S. I am

> copying Dan from the council office here, who knows I would be reaching out

> to you, because this requires involvement from the top of our city. I am

> also copying the board presidents for the two BIDs we manage, because these

> issues have dominated our recent board meetings.)

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> Though we are all aware that we are in a crisis mode with respect to

> homelessness, what seems to be increasing are the \*encampments that are

> taking over sidewalks, encroaching upon businesses and residential sections

> of the two BIDs and adjacent to our local schools. \* I have attached just a

> couple of photos from this month – but there are many more.

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> We are under the impression that something has shifted with respect to

> enforcement and clean up – the court settlement which had allowed for

> people to live on the public right of way from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. seems to

> have given way to \*all day camping\* now. We certainly understand that

> there may have been some relaxing of the rules given inclement weather, but

> as the spring approaches, can you advise as to the plan?

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> We are told that even when Sanitation shows up and the people living in the

> tents point out where they have piled their refuse, it will not be taken

> away because there is protocol on how to deal with that. LAPD seems to

- > have their hands tied with respect to enforcement -- despite open drug use
- > evident in some areas. Our BID maintenance teams are reeling under the
- > burden of cleaning up litter and washing down sidewalks and gutters
- > impacted by urine and human feces. On a weekly basis, our crew is
- > cleaning up drug paraphernalia in spots frequented by homeless drug users.
- > In these hot spots, our team will find crack pipes, cooking instruments,
- > spoons and syringes. We spend our time and resources to safely dispose of
- > these items and sanitize the sites.
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- > Our concern is that as this situation grows more entrenched, and the rules
- > are liberalized, Los Angeles will become a sanctuary of sorts – as people
- > are gravitating to live on streets within the city boundaries because
- > neighboring cities are not accommodating these encampments.
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> Our BID is taking calls on a daily basis from frustrated community members,

> and we are hard-pressed to respond. The comments I receive range from:

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> - The city is allowing a culture of \*lawlessness\* to take over the

> sidewalks

> - Potential tenants are \*scared away\* from signing leases as they drive

> around Hollywood

> - People are \*afraid to walk\* at night (in a neighborhood that has been

> touted as a new live-work neighborhood)

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> Our two BIDs have done everything we can to ameliorate, partner and be a

> constructive presence. Most recently, both BIDs supported Measure HHH and

> now Measure H. We are educating people about the county sales tax

> measure. We support local nonprofits with funds from our security dollars,

> and we convene a community-wide coalition. We are converting two of our

> BID patrol personnel into full time homeless outreach workers, starting in

> February, because there is no other meaningful outreach happening in

> Hollywood right now.

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> If Measure H passes – and we will do what we can to support – I hope some

> of those funds could be used to \*reinstate our Hollywood shelter\* (PATH

> closed down last summer). There is simply no place to take people who want

> to get off the street.

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> Finally, \*we would very much appreciate someone from the Mayor's office to

> come again to the Board meetings for both BIDs to explain what the



> short-term strategy is on a go-forward basis\*. We are certainly grateful

> the voters passed HHH – but that has a longer term roll-out. Hollywood has

> much at stake with the investments being made to attract new jobs and

> residents. We don't know where else to turn except to our elected

> officials for help.

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> Sincerely,

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> \*Executive Director\*

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